



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Most of Colorado received some much needed moisture last week and temperatures were normal for this time of year, until the weekend when many areas experienced low temperatures near freezing. These conditions allowed producers 5.9 days suitable for field operations.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 7 | 29 | 60 | 4 |
| Last Week | 8 | 31 | 56 | 5 |
| Last Year | 20 | 37 | 42 | 1 |

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

| | Very Short | Short | Adequate | Surplus |
|-----------|------------|-------|----------|---------|
| This Week | 14 | 38 | 43 | 5 |
| Last Week | 14 | 39 | 44 | 3 |
| Last Year | 14 | 44 | 40 | 2 |

Small Grains: Spring wheat harvest was complete by week's end. Winter wheat was 97 percent seeded and 74 percent emerged with the crop in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: The corn crop was 88 percent mature and 34 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to good condition. Ninety-two percent of the corn silage crop has been harvested. Sorghum was 88 percent mature and 28 percent harvested with the crop in mostly fair to poor condition. The dry bean crop was 90 percent cut, 71 percent harvested, and in mostly fair to good condition for the week. Dry onions were 90 percent harvested and the majority of the crop that is yet to be harvested is in good condition. Sugarbeets were 28 percent harvested and in mostly good condition. The sunflower crop is 40 percent harvested and rated in mostly fair to excellent condition. Summer potatoes are 95 percent harvested while fall potatoes were 80 percent by week's end. The fall potato crop is in mostly good condition.

ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 12, 2008

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Corn | | | | | |
| This Week | 4 | 11 | 31 | 29 | 25 |
| Last Year | 2 | 3 | 21 | 53 | 21 |
| Sorghum | | | | | |
| This Week | 11 | 26 | 34 | 24 | 5 |
| Last Year | 0 | 0 | 21 | 65 | 14 |

Pasture, Range, and Hay: Pasture and range conditions rated in mostly fair to good condition. Third cutting alfalfa was 98 percent complete while fourth cutting was 36 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated just below average. Stored feed supplies were rated just above average for this time of year.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending October 12, 2008

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Pasture & Range-2008 | 8 | 20 | 47 | 21 | 4 |
| Prev. Year - 2007 | 5 | 12 | 36 | 44 | 3 |
| 5-Year Avg. | 8 | 21 | 40 | 29 | 2 |

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Development Ratings for Week Ending October 12, 2008

| Item | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Yr Avg. |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | | | | |
| Seeded | 97 | 88 | 93 | 96 |
| Emerged | 74 | 54 | 68 | 76 |
| Corn | | | | |
| Mature | 88 | 77 | 97 | 92 |
| Harvested | 34 | 26 | 35 | 25 |
| Corn Silage | | | | |
| Harvested | 92 | 82 | 99 | 97 |
| Sorghum | | | | |
| Mature | 88 | 78 | 83 | 70 |
| Harvested | 28 | 18 | 28 | 20 |
| Dry Beans | | | | |
| Cut | 90 | 80 | 96 | 95 |
| Harvested | 71 | 56 | 78 | 78 |
| Alfalfa | | | | |
| 3 rd Cutting | 98 | 95 | 100 | 96 |
| 4 th Cutting | 36 | 27 | 44 | 45 |
| Dry Onions | | | | |
| Harvested | 90 | 78 | 92 | 93 |
| Sugarbeets | | | | |
| Harvested | 28 | 17 | 28 | 23 |
| Sunflowers | | | | |
| Harvested | 40 | 29 | 56 | 36 |
| Fall Potatoes | | | | |
| Harvested | 80 | 65 | 74 | 82 |
| Summer Potatoes | | | | |
| Harvested | 95 | 89 | 91 | 92 |

COLORADO CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION RATINGS 1/

| Item | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|----------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Winter Wheat | 0 | 0 | 30 | 51 | 19 |
| Alfalfa | 2 | 8 | 33 | 37 | 20 |
| Dry Onions | 0 | 4 | 27 | 51 | 18 |
| Fall Potatoes | 8 | 9 | 29 | 42 | 12 |
| Dry Beans | 1 | 6 | 40 | 41 | 12 |
| Sugarbeets | 3 | 4 | 20 | 39 | 34 |
| Sunflowers | 5 | 15 | 28 | 26 | 26 |
| Livestock | 0 | 6 | 18 | 66 | 10 |

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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